

SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 13, line 2, as follows:

If the test of step **202** determines that the dual network constraints are satisfied, then the method advances to step **209**. At step **202**, if the dual network ~~feasibility~~ constraints are satisfied, the primal capacity constraints on each link are not necessarily satisfied, since the approximation method increments working capacities with original (and not residual) link capacity at each stage. Consequently, at step **209**, the working and restoration capacities on each link are scaled uniformly so that both primal and dual capacity constraints are met.